



Robert Greene Sterne
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
John M. Covert
Robert C. Millonig
Donald J. Featherstone
Timothy J. Shea, Jr
Michael V. Messinger
Judith U. Kim
Patrick E. Garrett

Jeffrey T. Helvey
Eldora L. Ellison
Thomas C. Fiala
Donald R. Banowitz
Peter A. Jackman
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Brian J. Del Buono
Mark Fox Evens
Edward W. Yee
Vincent L. Capuano
Virgil Lee Beaton
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Joseph S. Ostroff
Daniel A. Klein
Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht

Tracy L. Muller
Jon E. Wright
LuAnne M. DeSantis
Ann E. Summerfield
Helene C. Carlson
Cynthia M. Bouchez
Timothy A. Doyle
Gabry L. Longworth
Lori A. Gordon
Laura A. Vogel
Bryan S. Wade
Bashir M.S. Ali
Shannon A. Carroll
Anbar F. Khal
Michelle K. Holoubek
Marsha A. Rose
Young Tang

Christopher J. Walsh
W. Blake Coblenz
James J. Pohl*
John T. Haran
Mark W. Rygiel
Kevin W. McCabe
Michael R. Malek*
Doyle A. Siever*
Ulrike Winkler*

Scott M. Woodhouse
Peter A. Sogafras
Jeffrey K. Mills
Danielle L. Letting
Lori Brandes
Steven C. Oppenheimer

Of Counsel
Edward J. Kessler
Kenneth C. Bass III
Marvin C. Guthrie

*Registered Patent Agents**
Karen R. Markowicz
Matthew J. Dowd
Katrina Yujian Pei Quach
Bryan L. Skelton
Robert A. Schwartzman
Julie A. Heider
Mita Mukherjee

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
*Practice Limited to
Federal Agencies

November 20, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 772-8835
INTERNET ADDRESS:
TFIALA@SKGF.COM

Art Unit 2626

Attn: Mail Stop AF

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/832,132; Filed: April 11, 2001
For: **Noise Feedback Coding Method And System For Efficiently
Searching Vector Quantization Codevectors Used For Coding A
Speech Signal**
Inventor: Juin-Hwey CHEN
Our Ref: 1875.0250002

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
3. One (1) return postcard; and
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the Petition for One-Month Extension of Time Fee.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.


In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Commissioner for Patents
November 20, 2006
Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Thomas C. Fiala
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 43,610

TCF:apg
Enclosure(s)

611040_1.DOC